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June 27, 2006

TO: Each Supervisor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryce Yokomizo', written over the 'TO:' line.

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

**SUBJECT: GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)
(BOARD ORDER #83 - JUNE 15, 1999)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached is the semi-annual report of key GROW statistics for November 2005 through April 2006 and an update on the GROW Program.

From November 2005 through April 2006, we have placed 4,691 participants in jobs. A total of 70,374 job placements have been achieved since the implementation of the GROW Program in February 1999.

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

GROW UPDATE NOVEMBER 2005 – APRIL 2006

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 70,374 placements have been achieved through the GROW Program.

- On 11/17/05, Metro Special GROW, PATH, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Weingart Center Association and Los Angeles Unified School District hosted their 5th Annual Resource Expo 2005 at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall.
- On 2/8/06, Lancaster GROW conducted an on-site recruitment with Victory Campaign Management. A total of 33 participants attended. Five candidates were hired on the spot and seven applications were pending the results of background checks.
- On 4/17/06, Metro East GROW conducted an on-site recruitment with JC Produce and Club Fresh. A total of 25 GROW participants attended and interviewed with the company representatives.
- On 4/27/06, Metro East GROW conducted its "Spring Into Your Future" Job Fair at Belvedere Community Park in East Los Angeles in collaboration with Chicana Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, and the WORC committee. This event hosted 35 agencies including Los Angeles City, Denny's, UPS, FedEx, LAX World Airport and 300 job seekers attended.
- On 4/27/06, South Special GROW, South County GAIN Region V, and Long Beach City College conducted their 6th Annual Job Fair at the Liberal Arts Campus. A total of 45 agencies participated and over 300 job seekers attended.
- All GROW sites continue to hold employer recruitment activities, on-site and off-site, throughout each month. Employers participating in these events include Forest Lawn Mortuary, Universal Protection Services, Laidlaw, Goodwill Industries, Rally Staffing and Staffsmart Solutions.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- Through April 2006, the cumulative participation rates for both Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class continue to exceed 50%.

**GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK
SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 2005 - APRIL 2006**

	November 2005	December 2005	January 2006	February 2006	March 2006	April 2006	Total
Orientation/Job Skills Assessment							
• Scheduled	4,831	5,506	5,067	4,156	4,603	4,423	28,586
• Showed	3,174 (66%)	3,365 (61%)	3,538 (70%)	3,024 (73%)	3,756 (82%)	3,201 (72%)	20,058 (70%)
Job Skills Preparation Class							
• Scheduled	1,336	1,260	1,648	1,430	1,297	1,269	8,240
• Showed	676 (50%)	639 (51%)	863 (52%)	679 (47%)	657 (51%)	615 (48%)	4,129 (50%)
• Completions (1)	496 (73%)	554 (87%)	520 (60%)	475 (70%)	603 (92%)	469 (76%)	3,117 (75%)
Job Placements	827	753	781	754	876	700	4,691
Self-Initiated Programs (SIPs) (2)	766	801	649	691	702	749	
Vocational Assessment							
• Scheduled	342	301	368	309	329	269	1,918
• Showed	254 (74%)	228 (76%)	289 (79%)	242 (78%)	262 (80%)	207 (77%)	1,482 (77%)
Education/ Training							
• Starts	76	39	80	69	88	71	423
• Completions	6	5	8	8	10	12	49
Supportive Services Referrals	261	274	298	261	364	254	1,712
GROW Caseload	25,953	25,901	26,250	26,825	29,731	22,738	
Sanctions	1,059	1,359	1,562	1,010	1,983	1,577	8,550

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class (JSPC) completion counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the three-week JSPC class in the previous month, but completed in the report month.
- (2) SIP data includes the total number of participants enrolled in a SIP activity during the month, not just new enrollments.